



# Wilmington Montessori School



## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

### *9-12 students to “Act Up” at annual talent show*



Above: 9-12 students perform a group percussion piece at the 2011 talent show entitled “Seriously Talented.”

Tomorrow, students in the 9-12 program will showcase their talent and creativity at “Act Up,” WMS’s annual talent show. The audience will be treated to a variety of acts including karate, gymnastics, singing, instrumental solos, and skits, skits and more skits! Peppered throughout the show will be group numbers—choral, instrumental and dance—that reflect the style of the 1970s and early 1980s.

The evening performance will also include a special act by an alumni band. Julie Cooke, alumni parent, has returned to WMS as the drama coach for the skits and assistant director of the talent show.

**All WMS families and friends are invited!**

**Where:** WMS’s Gym  
**When:** March 8, 2012  
Dress rehearsal/performance for students—9:30 a.m.  
Evening show—7 p.m. (All 9-12 children should return to WMS at 6:30 that evening in order to prepare for the performance.)



### Mark Your Calendar

#### March

- 7 **Parent Education—Positive Parenting**  
7-9 p.m., Part 5 of 5
- 8 **9-12 Talent Show**  
9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m, Gym
- 12-14 **DAIS Art Show**  
Including work by WMS’s 9-12 students  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily (opening reception 3:30-8:30 p.m. on 3/12)  
at Ursuline Academy
- 12 **The Journey—Earn five co-op hours!**  
8:30 a.m.-noon, Meet in the Lobby  
Visit [www.wmsde.org/parenteducation](http://www.wmsde.org/parenteducation).
- 14 **Open House (Admissions)**  
9:30 a.m., Meet in Library  
*Tell a friend!*
- 19 **Montessori Monday (Admissions)**  
9:30 a.m., Meet in Lobby  
*Tell a friend!*
- 21 **Annual Meeting**  
**Earn Co-op by attending!**  
7 p.m., Great Room
- 26-30 **Spring Break**  
No classes. Pre-registered childcare is available, as well as LEGO Mini Camp (3/27-29). See page 2.  
Contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org).

### **Are you able to spare a picnic table?**

We’re looking for new or gently used wooden picnic tables to be used for lunch and work outside the 9-12 classrooms.

Can you help?  
[Contact jennifer\\_burns@wmsde.org](mailto:jennifer_burns@wmsde.org) for more information!

# WMS students shine at regional Odyssey of the Mind competition

On Saturday, March 3, three teams of WMS students took part in the Delaware River Region Odyssey of the Mind competition.

After working on their projects for months, they took the stage at Caravel Academy and demonstrated their creative solutions to scientific problems.

All of the WMS teams received commendations for their performances, receiving final rankings of 1st, 3rd and 5th in their respective categories (Weird Science Division I, Ooh-Motional Vehicle Division I and Ooh-Motional Vehicle Division II). All three teams placed in the top three in the “Long Term Planning” category, a testament to all of the hard work they put into this year’s performances.

That hard work isn’t over yet—the teams that placed first and third overall in their divisions will fine-tune their solutions as they move on to the Delaware State Tournament, to be held on March 31 at Dickinson High School.

WMS families are invited to attend the state competition and cheer on our teams—scheduling information will be announced as soon as it’s available. Congratulations to everyone involved and a special thank you to our coaches!



## Donate to WMS’s foreign currency collection

Did you know that WMS has its own international coins and currency collection?

The collection currently contains money from more than 60 countries, and we hope to expand our collection to encompass all of the world’s major nations.

If you are planning international travel or just have some foreign coins or currency from previous trips, please consider donating them.

The collection is available to all WMS teachers, of any age group, and provides the opportunity for our entire community to discover more about world geography, history, exchange, saving, sorting and counting.

If you are interested in making a donation or just want to take a look at the existing collection, please stop by the library or contact [elizabeth\\_varley@wmsde.org](mailto:elizabeth_varley@wmsde.org).

### *Not traveling over spring break?*

Send your children on the road with us!

The theme for elementary childcare will be Road Trip U.S.A.!

We’ll roam North, South, East and West, cooking up a storm of learning, fun and regional cuisine.

Contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org) to sign up!

## Spring Break LEGO Mini-Camp

**What does it take to build a city? Plans, ideas, friends and LEGOS!**

Give your 6- to 10-year-old three days of construction fun by sending him or her to CITISCAPE: Spring Break LEGO Mini-Camp!

LEGO Mini-Camp will be held March 27-29 from 9 a.m.-noon. The three-day camp costs \$90 and childcare is available from noon until 6 p.m. for an additional \$20 per day.

Contact [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org) for more info, or [register online!](#)

# WMSD's Venetian Masquerade Ball, Gala and Auction

**Friday, April 13**  
Doors open at 8 p.m.

*Waterfall Banquet Center*  
3416 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE 19703

**Gift, advertising and sponsorship commitments are due this Friday, March 9.**

The big night is less than a month and a half away! Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

The fabulous auction gifts have been rolling in—we have tickets for the winner and 19 friends to enjoy a Blue Rocks game in the Pettinaro Skybox, two-bedroom ocean front condo in North Myrtle Beach during the week of August 3, gorgeous jewelry, artwork and more!

Do you have a great gift to donate? **We've extended our donation deadline to the**

**end of the week (March 9) so you still have time to submit your gift commitments AND advertisements!**

Need co-op hours? There's still time to get involved with this important and fun fundraising event! New jobs are being posted daily—check the main co-op board outside the library for more information.

Gift commitment, advertising and sponsorship forms are available for download at [www.wmsde.org/auction](http://www.wmsde.org/auction).



## Join us on **The Journey** this March

### What is The Journey?

The purpose of The Journey is to provide parents with an understanding of WHY and HOW Montessori works by enabling them to see the classroom, first as an observer, then as a participant with the materials and lessons. During this experience, you will discover, much as a child does, the beauty of Montessori.



### When and where is The Journey?

The Journey will be held on:

**Monday, March 12**  
**8:30 a.m.—noon**

We will meet in the lobby, then travel throughout WMS.

### Who should participate in The Journey?

When parents understand why and how Montessori works, you are better able to support teachers' efforts, provide consistency at home, and enable your children to get the most out of their Montessori education. WMS strongly encourages ALL parents, especially those new to the school, to experience The Journey.

### How do I register for The Journey?

Call or e-mail Theresa Conaty to reserve your spot. You can reach Theresa at 302-475-0555 or [theresa\\_conaty@wmsde.org](mailto:theresa_conaty@wmsde.org).

**Registration is free and you receive five co-op hours per family.**

Childcare is available by pre-registering with Cass Winner at [cass\\_winner@wmsde.org](mailto:cass_winner@wmsde.org) or 302-475-0555.



# Looking for co-op hours? How about tuition credit?

*Check out our...*

## BUILDING COMMUNITY REFERRAL PROGRAM



New families come to learn about WMS every day. One of the questions we always ask is "How did you hear about us?" Most people answer, "from a friend."

We're thrilled that our current families recommend WMS to their friends and help our community to grow.

The "Building Community" referral program is a way for us to give back to the people who help build our community in this way.

Families who meet the requirements outlined at [www.wmsde.org/buildingcommunity](http://www.wmsde.org/buildingcommunity) will receive a **\$750 tuition credit or 30 hours of co-op.**

Spread the word and invite friends to an upcoming **Montessori Monday** on March 19 or **Open House** on March 14; suggest they schedule a private tour by calling 302-475-0555 or emailing [admissions@wmsde.org](mailto:admissions@wmsde.org); or consider hosting a Montessori event at home.

As you spend time with your friends and family, we encourage you to explain the benefits that you see in and around WMS classrooms and share your personal WMS story with others.

For more information or to find out how you can help promote WMS, contact Theresa Conaty, Admissions Officer, at [Theresa\\_Conaty@wmsde.org](mailto:Theresa_Conaty@wmsde.org). To learn more about upcoming admissions events, visit [www.wmsde.org/admissionsevents](http://www.wmsde.org/admissionsevents).



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### *Our Mission*

*Wilmington Montessori School is a collaborative learning community rooted in Montessori principles, inspiring the joyful discovery of self and a passion for learning and independent thinking. We empower children to be knowledgeable and responsible contributors to the global community.*

### **WEDNESDAY WEEKLY SUBMISSIONS**

Have a submission for the Wednesday Weekly? E-mail [Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org](mailto:Wednesday-Weekly@wmsde.org) by **4:30 p.m. Friday** each week for possible publication in the following week's issue.

Note: Submissions may be modified for space constraints and/or content clarity.